

Belva M. Martin

Since August 2009, Belva Martin has been a Senior Executive serving as a Director in the Acquisition and Sourcing Management team at GAO. In this role, she manages a varied portfolio of programs reviewing export control, the defense supplier base, Army modernization, defense and civilian acquisition workforce, and various contracting issues. Prior to assuming this position, from 2003-2009, Ms. Martin served as an Assistant Director managing reviews of federal human capital, EEO, diversity, and redress issues. She also directed reviews of issues related to recruiting and retaining experienced, older federal workers; efforts to identify factors influencing Hispanic representation in the federal government; and issues related to reemployment rights of uniformed servicemembers. From 1993 to 2003, she managed a portfolio of issues related to the Federal Aviation Administration including the National Airspace System modernization program, aviation finance, and FAA organization and management. In all of these roles, she produced numerous written reports and oral briefing for Hill clients and testified several times as a GAO witness.

Her federal career spans 36 years—35 with GAO. Ms. Martin received her undergraduate degree in Political Science/Public Administration from South Carolina State University and a Masters degree in Political Science from Howard University.

She is the recipient of numerous GAO-wide awards, including two of agency's highest—the Distinguished Service Award and the Meritorious Service Award (twice)—the Excellence in Human Capital Award, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Award, in addition to numerous team-based awards.

She presently resides in Mitchellville, MD with her husband John; they have two young adult children.